

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Amana Church Service will be live streamed from the church in Amana on Facebook or via Radio broadcast, September 27, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. with Elder Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Jesus, ein Schaf und Schäfer ist" No. 545 v 1-3. Seite 541.

Testimony: Johann Adam Gruber, Heidelberg, January 19, 1717

Scripture: Luke 14: 7-11, Isaiah 25:6-8

Closing Hymn: "Jesus Both Sheep and Shepherd is" No. 15 v 4-6

Wednesday Nachtgebet live stream on Facebook at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Fellowship live stream on Facebook at 5:30 p.m.

Services also available later on YouTube ("The Amana Church" is our channel).

Jesus ein Schaf und Schäfer ist

Mel. Christe, der Du bist Tag und. (Art 96)

1. Jesus ein Schaf und Schäfer ist, von Gott dazu für uns erkies't, ein Schaf, so uns're Sünde trägt: ein Schäfer, der uns wohl gepflegt.

2. Ein Schaf, an unsrer Statt geschlacht't, ein Schäfer, der uns nimmt in Acht: ein Schaf, das sich zur Speis' uns giebt, ein Schäfer, der als sich uns liebt.

3. Sein Schäfleinswandel leucht't uns für, sein Schäferstab hält zur Gebühr: Sein Schäfleinstritt zeigt uns die Bahn, sein' Schäfertreu' führt himmelan

E. L. Gr.

NOTICE TO DEER HUNTERS

A reminder that ALL deer harvested on Amana Society, Inc. property must be reported and checked. Please contact one of the individuals below immediately upon harvesting a deer. The information collected will be used to monitor the deer herd size and health. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Thank You,

Amana Society Conservation Committee

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Tony Berger – 319-361-8459

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LIBRARY NEWS

The Amana Library added the following DVDs to their collection. To reserve or hold a DVD for pick-up please call, 622-3192. Thank you!

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Goldfinch Joker

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FEATHERS IN THE WIND

A few weeks ago Connie Baugh loaned me a book entitled A BRIT AMONG THE HAWKEYES by Richard Lord Acton.

One of his stories is about Gov. William Harding who, in 1917 when the population was made up of about 41% foreign born citizens issued a proclamation that only English could be spoken in Iowa.

In Le Mars, Iowa a sign went up that said, "If you Are An American at Heart Speak OUR Language / If you Don't Know It/ LEARN IT/ If you Don't Like It/ MOVE". (I did not make these mistakes on my own...it is written as it was printed.

It seemed that school and churches were required to teach and speak in English. A Dutch Church in Mahaska County was even burnt down because of this rule which makes me wonder how the Amanas got away with the German services.

I think the most interesting thing was when a Le Claire woman was accused of speaking German over a telephone line to her daughter and was fined \$225.

When you think about it you wonder who was listening in on the telephone line and then tattled. It

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Can I Vote IN Person Before Nov. 3?

Yes, in the state of Iowa in-person voting begins October 5. Starting Monday, October 5 Iowa County residents may vote at the Iowa County Auditor's office in Marengo, located in the Courthouse Annex across the street from the courthouse.

The voting booth is monitored by the Auditor's staff and is open during regular business hours of the Iowa County Auditor. You can also drop off your absentee ballots during office hours rather than mailing them if you wish. The office is open Monday – Friday 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The Auditor's office phone number is 319-642-3923.

Why We Have Electricity After a Big Storm

While all of eastern Iowa struggled with power outages, the seven Amana Colonies and Waldenburg had power after the August 10 derecho. Why?

In the 1970's the Amana Society Board of Directors and the Amana Society Service Co. known then as the REC and led by manager Francis "Doc" Ditter determined that the best bet for the future of the community was to begin the highly involved and expensive process of installing underground cables between the villages. That idea gained ground in the mid-1970's when talks about Amana's historic preservation were being held in the villages. In 1976-78 the Amana Historic Landmark Committee strongly advocated for the removal of all overhead lines and wooden poles in all seven villages. Thus the Amana Society Service Co. began the process to do so. One by one the villagers were converted to underground.

In order to avoid taking on debt or over-spending during any one year and thus driving up the cost of the service, the ASI determined that it would be done in multiple stages. According to Russ Eimers, Amana Society Service Co. manager today, the first step was to bury the primary electrical cables between the villages and this was begun in the early 1970's with the work done by Ditter's utility team.

The planning for the Main Street Project in the village of Amana in the early 1980's sped up the process of conversion to underground wiring. The desire to preserve Amana's historical integrity with the removal of as many poles and lines was cited as the reason for the push by then manager Terry Herschberger.

"Not only will it help keep our community safe after a storm, it will improve the appearance and really, in the long term, I think it will be very cost-effective in terms of storm damage and clean-up." Herschberger told this reporter for a Willkommen article in 1993. In 1998 the "straight line" windstorm that tore off the roof of the Amana Woolen Mill weaving building and ruined roofs across the colonies proved Herschberger correct as power was restored to the Amana a full two weeks sooner than to other communities in our area.

With the installation of the diesel power plant in Middle Amana in 2001, the Amana Service Co. was set to deliver 24,000 kilowatts of power to the plant and the villages during times of peak usage and during outages. Thus in the event of a big storm within 10 minutes the diesel plant can kick in and power the village grid.

Finally all the primary loop lines were redone when higher-quality cable became available after 2005. In 2015 the last length of line between West Amana and High Amana was re-installed underground.

The Amana Society Service Co. and REC has been recognized by the State of Iowa Office of Historical Preservation for their efforts at historic preservation in the Amana through the removal of unsightly electrical poles and lines.

So ultimately, we can thank Amana Colony historic preservationists, the Amana Society Service Company managers and employees and the Amana Society board members for desiring to preserve the appearance of our Amana Colonies and maintain its historic look by investing in underground utility lines for the community.

Thinking of Replanting or Upgrading Your Yard?

Some Tips for Amana Property Owners

Sometimes merchants and homeowners in the Amanas have asked, "What is the Amana landscape 'look'?" Or they ask "How should I build this front porch?" Or "What landscaping is appropriate for my front yard?"

There are various resources available through the Amana Colonies Land Use District office and website that help explain these points. Plus you can always take a look at old photos of the Amana Colonies (pre 1932 or close to 1932) that present a picture of what our villages looked like to help you understand how to help uphold and create the "Amana look," for future generations.

At the Amana Library or the Amana Heritage Museum ask to see the booklet, "A Conservation Handbook for Amana Villages," by Land and Community Associates written in cooperation with the Amana

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Candidates may complete an online application via our website @ www.amanasociety.com Applicants may also send their resume to: Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse, c/o Tim Blattner, PO Box 158, Amana, IA. 52203

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Historic Landmark Committee in 1977.

Why is this important? The Amana Colonies are a National Historic Landmark – yes, all 7 villages are a National Historic Landmark. That means every single home, shop, vacant lot in all seven villages. We have a reason to help maintain that status as it's important for grant funding, tourism and our status in the State of Iowa as an unincorporated village worthy of help and consideration.

"It's definitely something we want to protect as it's a huge help with our marketing, plus its important to maintain what it is that's makes our community stand out. I think we should take some pride in that and protect, we don't want to look like everywhere else," said one Amana merchant who asked to remain anonymous.

"I think all residents and business owners should take an objective look at their property. As yourself. Is this as nice as it could be? Then look at old photos. Ask Jon at the Museum. Some of the stuff you see folks doing is really great! And then some is not great. It's pretty ugly. The old cars sitting around, the junk in the yards. The endless garden ornaments and weedy messes. It looks tacky."

So what is an "Amana look" yard like? Here are tips and strong recommendations from "A Conservation Handbook for Amana Villages."

- There were flower beds, flower plantings, perennials and annuals along the foundation walls of home. Plus flowers here and there in pots or in beds in and around the yard. Planted vines, green leafy plants and shrubs like lilacs, forsythia, pussy willow and so on were quite common. If you can't maintain flowers opt for hostas or daylilies, plants that are easier to keep.

- Fruit trees planted in front and back yards. They wanted to grow lots of fruit to eat, but nowadays fruit trees may be too much work for some of us. Some lower maintenance options to plant: decorative crabapple, dogwood, plum, nonfruit bearing trees and slow growing linden trees. Yes, as seen in many photos, shade trees especially Iowa natives like walnut, oak, sycamore, cottonwood and elm found there place, especially at street corners and open spaces, as shade is valuable too. What you didn't see – pine trees or conifers – except in the cemeteries or pine groves.

- Sidewalks were used and maintained in all villages. Sidewalks ran the length of the street on both sides of the street through every yard and sometimes between homes linking houses to church/kitchen houses. Sidewalks were made of boards and later concrete. Today sidewalks in the villages along streets are actually on county property and they must not be removed. They are to be maintained, according to the Iowa County Engineer. That means snow removal too. So when you plow your drive, plow your sidewalk too.

- Wooden fences of various designs but often horizontal, three or four board fences, ran alongside sidewalks. These were used to protect yards and gardens from the dairy cattle who were herded to the milk barn for milking twice daily.

- Wooden trellises on homes with grapevines for shade, jam and wine. If you don't need grapes, try a nonproductive, leafy ivy or vine or flowering vine. Free standing grape arbors were popular in colony yards.

- Free standing garden swings also look right in an Amana look yard. Wooden or wooden-like, free-standing garden benches, garden swings and chairs. Yards in old Amana were meant for enjoying with family and friends, so seating areas, even private areas, screened by vines, shrubbery, trellises and fences are appropriate.

- Maintenance of small sheds, wood sheds and brick or wooden frame outbuildings.

- Very limited use of garden ornaments. Most Amana colonists had no access to bright and colorful garden or yard ornaments. If they had ornaments, such as bird houses or whirligigs, they were handmade of natural materials. No gazing globes. No plastic.

- With regard to trim and ornaments on porches, awnings, doorways and houses; there were no window shutters and almost exclusively, only simple, linear wooden trims were used. Thus no scrolled or purely decorative pieces or pillars and no colonial-styled trims and facades over windows, doors or exterior stairs.

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OBITUARY

Lorraine Norma (Lippmann) Schmid, 91, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at Colonial Manor of Amana.

Private family graveside services will be held at East Amana Cemetery.

Lorraine was born on April 26, 1929, to George and Edna (Bahndorf) Lippmann in East Amana. On November 27, 1948, she was united in marriage to Richard Schmid at St. Patricks Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids.

Surviving are her children, Michele (Steve) Meyer, Blairstown, Mary (Robert) Henry, Tiffin; daughter-in-law, Kathy Schmid, Cedar Rapids; brother, Willard (Louise) Lippmann, Grinnell; sister, Rae Jean (Russell) Grafton, Atkins; 9 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents; husband Richard; son, Michael; great-granddaughter, Zoe Sandersfeld; and special friend Ralph Zuber.

Online condolences: www.phillipsfuneralhomes.com

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also is pushing the law because it is now against the law to interfere in telephone communications. But back then every phone was a party line and connected by a manually operated switchboard.

Even our next door neighbor, Williamsburg was told to stop speaking Welsh.

This makes one wonder if anyone thought of asking about what happened to "freedom of speech."

I wonder how many social groups that got together to sing, tell stories or whatever were ruined by this silly law.

I do remember being in high school in the 1960's and finding a poetry book by Schiller which had written, in the front, removed from the library. I asked why and was told that the C.R. Gazette had started an anti-German campaign and was telling people to destroy all German literature. I suppose you can tell a German something, but it doesn't mean he/she will do it.

B.S.H.

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ACLUD HPC MEETING NOTICE & TENTATIVE AGENDA

Regular Meeting Sept. 28, 2020, 6:30p.m. via Zoom

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Set/Amend Agenda
- III. Review/approve the August meeting minutes
- IV. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
 - a. 2020-102. Tony Berger, 2609 K St. Reside south side of house.
 - b. 2020-104. Al & Virginia Dubberke, 4321 220th Trail. Replace entrance doors, add hood, replace steps, replace fence.
 - c. 2020-109. Sandy Newkirk, 4503 220th Trail. Replace 2 storm doors with entrance doors.
- V. Other Business.
 - a. Discussion: fence subcommittee
 - b. Discussion: Upcoming Public input session with Board of Trustees
- VI. Adjourn.

"AUTUMN IN THE AMANAS"

Each weekend through November 8th will have a central theme to it with attractions and events planned to match the theme.

- September 26th-27th **A Taste of the Colonies:** A celebration of food and drink featuring a Saturday Sampling Stroll and a Sunday Wine, Chocolate, and Beer Walk.

- October 3rd-4th **A Touch of Germany:** We celebrate our German heritage with a Lederhosen and Dirndl parade, German music, food and drink.

- October 10th-11th **Leaf us Alone:** Outdoor events that will let you social distance and enjoy the turning leaves along with the "Tour-de-Brew" bike ride.

- October 17th-18th **Art and Antiques in Amana.** This weekend features the arts of the Amana, a pop-up art mart and a "Vintage Walk" through the numerous Antique Shops.

- October 24th-25th **Pumpkinfest.** The first Pumpkinfest will have a pumpkin decorating contest along with a pumpkin roll, great food, and more.

- October 31st-November 1st **Halloweekend.** A spooky weekend that includes a Zombie Walk, a Costumed 4-course Vintner's Dinner, a costume contest and a historic "Ghost" Tour.

- November 7th-8th **Girl's Getaway Weekend.** This is the last chance for the ladies to escape their homes and relax before the holiday rush with shopping, food, and drink specials. Guys are welcome.

More information on all of these events can be found at: www.amanacolonies.com.

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